SENATE BILL 368 (LRB -0834)

An Act to amend 348.07 (2) (gm) and 348.07 (4) of the statutes; relating to: the operation of certain 3-vehicle combinations on certain highways without a permit (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Transportation).

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12-21.	S.	Introduced by **LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**	
12-21.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation and Tourism	484

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02-05.	S.	Public hearing held.	
02-05.	S.	Executive action taken.	
02-05.	S.	Report passage recommended by committee on Transportation and Tourism, Ayes 7, Noes 0	564
02-05.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
02-14.	S.	Placed on calendar 2-19-2008 by committee on Senate Organization.	
02-19.	S.	Read a second time	599
02-19.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	599
02-19.	S.	Rules suspended	599
02-19.	S.	Read a third time and **passed**	599
02-19.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	600
02-22.	A.	Received from Senate	529
02-22.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation	529
02-27.	A.	Executive action taken.	
02-28.	A.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Transportation, Ayes 12, Noes 0	567
02-28.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	567
02-28.	A.	Placed on calendar 3-5-2008 by committee on Rules.	
02-28.	A.	Made a special order of business at 11:56 A.M. on 3-5-2008	591
03-05.	A.	Read a second time	24
03-05.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	24
03-05.	A.	Rules suspended	24
03-05.	A.	Read a third time and **concurred in**	24
03-05.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	24
03-06.	S.	Received from Assembly concurred in.	

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December 21, 2007 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 348.07 (2) (gm) and 348.07 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the

2 operation of certain 3–vehicle combinations on certain highways without a

3 permit (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of

4 Transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no person may operate on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 40 feet or any combination of two vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 feet, unless the person has a permit to exceed these lengths. Exceptions allow certain vehicles to be operated with no length limitation or a different length limitation on highways designated by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT must designate, by rule, the highways to which these exceptions apply. 2005 Wisconsin Act 363 (Act 363) inadvertently altered this DOT highway designation process for semitrailers or trailers operated as part of a double bottom, which is a combination of three vehicles consisting of a truck tractor, a semitrailer, and a trailer or a truck tractor and two semitrailers.

This bill corrects the error in Act 363 and clarifies that the length exception allowing 28 feet six inch semitrailers or trailers operated as part of a double bottom applies to highways designated by DOT.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

> LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Transportation and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1   SECTION 1. 348.07 (2) (gm) of the statutes is amended to read:

2   348.07 **(2)** (gm) 28 feet 6 inches for a semitrailer or trailer operated as part of

3 a double bottom <u>on a highway designated under sub. (4)</u>.

4   SECTION 2. 348.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

5   348.07 **(4)** The secretary shall, by rule, designate the highways to which sub.

6 (2) (f), (fm), <u>(gm),</u> and (gr) and s. 348.08 (1) (e) apply. The designation of highways

7 under this subsection may not be inconsistent with the designation of highways

8 made by the U.S. secretary of transportation under P.L. 97–424, section 411. The

9 secretary may also designate additional highways by rule. In adopting a rule

10 designating other highways, which may include 2–lane highways, the secretary

11 shall specify the factors which resulted in the determination to designate the

12 highways. These factors shall include, but are not limited to, safety, economics,

13 energy savings, industry productivity and competition. Vehicles to which sub. (2) (f),

14 (fm), <u>(gm),</u> and (gr) and s. 348.08 (1) (e) apply may also operate on highways not

15 designated under this subsection for a distance of 15 miles or less in order to obtain

16 access to a highway designated under this subsection or to reach fuel, food,

17 maintenance, repair, rest, staging, terminal or vehicle assembly facilities or points

18 of loading or unloading. The secretary may, by rule, designate an access route of more

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1   than 15 miles from a highway designated under this subsection when the longer

2   route provides safer and better access to a location which is within the 15–mile limit.

3   Household goods carriers may operate between highways designated under this

4   subsection and points of loading and unloading.

5   **(END)**